MR, G. NARAYANA AIYAR : May I know whether the Government will take up the building early next year ?

MR. L. H. JACOB ; Government cannot promise. It depends upon funds.

MR. G. NARAYANA AIYAR : May I know whether the Government are aware that not even a urinal is attached to that building ?

MR. L. H. JACOB : The member has given the information.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Municipal Councils*) : May I know whether Government have an idea of constructing a suitable building for the Trivandrum District Court ?

PRESIDENT : That does not arise.

Mr. Hilkiah's interference in the recent elections to the Assembly.

62. MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : (1) Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether Mr. C. Japamony was a candidate in the recent Assembly election from the Kalkulam II—General Rural Constituency and that Mr. Japamony had to work against the "abstention movement" ; and

(*b*) whether Mr. Hilkiah was interfering in this election and was almost daily going about the constituency working up an opposition to Mr Japamony ?

(2) will they be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether this action was not against the explicit orders of Government ; and

(*b*) whether their attention has been drawn to the editorial and other articles published in the "Navasakti" pointing out Mr. Hilkiah's interference in the elections ?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (1) (*a*) Mr. Japamony was a candidate in the recent election to the Sri Mulam Assembly. Government have no information as to whether he had to work against the 'abstention move ment, and whether there was such a movement at all in the Kalkulam taluk.

(*b*) Government are not aware of it.

(2) (*a*) In view of the answer to 1 (*b*), this does not arise.

(*b*) No.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI : May I know whether there was an order from the Government that Mr. Hilkiah should not leave the Trivandrum town during the time of the last election ?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI : There was no such order.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI : May I know whether there was not an order from the departmental head to that effect ?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI : Government are not aware of such an order issued by the departmental head ?

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI : May I know whether Government have got a Press Room in the Secretariat ?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI : Yes.

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MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know whether the paper "Navasakti" is placed in the Press Room?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: Yes.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know whether the Government Officers and the officer concerned with the Press Room used to read the "Navasakti" paper?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: Government have no information as to the officers who read the "Navasakti" paper.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know whether the officers in the Press Room read the papers which they get at the cost of the Government?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: Yes.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know whether this information as to the interference of Dr. Hilkiah in the Assembly election has come to the notice of Government?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: No.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the allegation contained in the paper?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: Government have not got any information. But, if found necessary, they have no objection to make an enquiry.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know why this paper is subscribed for by Government?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

Fall in the price of cocoanuts and paddy.

63. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have made any investigation into the cause of the fall in the price of cocoanuts and paddy, and if so, what?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): The Economic Depression Enquiry Committee have, during the course of their enquiry, made an investigation into the causes of the fall in the prices of cocoanuts and paddy, and their findings have been published in paragraphs 87 and 94 of their report.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Do the Government propose to reduce the export duty on cocoanuts?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: I claim notice.

Licenses cancelled and shops re-sold from 1104—1108.

64. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of licenses cancelled and shops re-sold during the years from 1104 to the end of 1108 owing to default of payment of kists by licensees, death of licensees, conviction of licensees in criminal cases and failure to complete the security by them?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The statement furnishing the information required for the years 1104 to 1107 is laid on the table.

It is too early to give the figures for 1108

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